

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A screen apparatus comprising:

a tank for receiving paper raw materials and including an entrance for the paper raw materials, a selection exit and a foreign matter exit,

a cylindrical screen fixed in the tank and dividing the tank into a primary chamber and a secondary chamber, and

a stirring member which is rotatably supported inside the screen for stirring the paper raw materials, wherein

entrance for the paper raw materials and the foreign matter exit face the primary chamber, and the selection exit faces the secondary chamber, respectively,

the screen has a member including an opening facing the primary chamber and the secondary chamber,

a water supply passage member passes through the tank,~~the water supply passage member~~ and includes a water supply passage which is in communication with the opening facing the secondary chamber and which supplies water into the primary chamber, the water supply passage member is mounted to an outer periphery of the tank such that the water supply passage member can move toward and away from the screen.

2. (currently amended) The screen apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the member is a ring provided around the screen,

the ring is provided with a plurality of openings, and each of the openings facing the secondary chamber ~~are~~ is provided with the water supply passage members, respectively member.

3. (currently amended) A screen apparatus comprising:

a tank for receiving paper raw materials and including an entrance for the paper raw materials, a selection exit and a foreign matter exit,

a cylindrical screen fixed in the tank and dividing the tank into a primary chamber and a secondary chamber, the entrance for the paper raw materials and the foreign matter exit facing the primary chamber, and the selection exit facing the secondary chamber,

a stirring member which is rotatably supported inside the screen for stirring the paper raw materials,

~~the entrance for the paper raw materials and the foreign matter exit facing the primary chamber, and the selection exit facing the secondary chamber,~~

a ring provided around the screen and having a plurality of openings facing the primary chamber and the secondary chamber, and

a plurality of water supply passage members ~~whose~~ having tip ends ~~come into contact with~~ contacting the ring under pressure so that the water supply passage members are brought into communication with ~~a plurality of the~~ openings facing the secondary chamber, the water supply passage members ~~includes~~ including water supply passages which pass through the tank and supply water into the primary chamber,

wherein each of the water supply passage members is mounted to an outer periphery of the tank such that the water supply passage member can move toward and away from the screen.

4. (currently amended) The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the screen has first and second end surfaces which are opened and face to each other,

the first end surface is located closer to the entrance for the paper raw materials than the foreign matter exit, the second end surface is located closer to the foreign matter exit than the entrance for the paper raw materials,

the ring is located closer to the second end surface than the first end surface, and is provided in parallel to the first end surface and the second end surface.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the plurality of openings are arranged ~~such as~~ to be directed to a center of the tank.

7. (currently amended) The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the plurality of openings are arranged ~~such as~~ to be directed to a center of the tank, and the openings are opposed to each other.